

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the second full paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

With a rapid distribution of personal computers, ~~internet~~ the Internet has made inroads into our daily lives as a network. Thus, the ~~internet~~ Internet has become a keynote of our life and work.

**Please replace the third full paragraph on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

A preferred embodiment of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings. In the following description, the same drawing reference numerals are used for the same elements, even in different drawings. ~~A~~ The detailed construction and circuit elements are described only to assist in a comprehensive understanding of the invention. Thus, it will be apparent that the present invention can be carried out without these particulars. Also, well-known functions or constructions are not described in detail since they would obscure the invention in unnecessary detail.

**Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The first condition is to get access from an IP-based network to a web ~~base~~ server. The second condition is to standardize a protocol for function control between the appliances in non IP-based networks.